

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5733–S5790

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3355–3361, and S. Res. 610–611. **Page S5759**

Measures Considered:

Department of Defense Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 6157, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5733–55**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 188), McConnell (for Nelson/Capito) Amendment No. 3773 (to Amendment No. 3695), to require a Comptroller General of the United States report on the implementation of the Military Health System Genesis electronic health record. **Page S5741**

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 189), McConnell (for Kennedy/Reed) Amendment No. 3703 (to Amendment No. 3695), to increase funding for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. **Page S5741**

Pending:

Shelby Amendment No. 3695, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5733**

McConnell (for Shelby) Amendment No. 3699 (to Amendment No. 3695), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5733**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the Shelby Amendment No. 3695 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, August 23, 2018. **Page S5755**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Shelby Amendment No. 3695. **Page S5755**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, August 22,

2018; and that Senate recess from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. **Page S5789**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael J. Fitzpatrick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador.

Jeffrey Ross Gunter, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland.

Richard Carlton Paschall III, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia.

Eric Williams Stromayer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic.

Wing Chau, of Rhode Island, to be United States Marshal for the District of Rhode Island for the term of four years.

Ramona L. Dohman, of Minnesota, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

Eric S. Gartner, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

John C. Milhiser, of Illinois, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois for the term of four years.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army. **Page S5789**

Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Teri L. Donaldson, of Texas, to be Inspector General of the Department of Energy, which was sent to the Senate on June 11, 2018, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S5790**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—189) Page S5741

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:40 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5789.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Alan Ray Shaffer, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition and Sustainment, Veronica Daigle, of Virginia, and Robert H. McMahon, of Georgia, who was introduced by Senator Perdue, both to be an Assistant Secretary, and Casey Wardynski, of Alabama, and Alex A. Beehler, of Maryland, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

RUSSIA SANCTIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Russia sanctions, focusing on current effectiveness and potential for next steps, including S. 2313, to deter foreign interference in United States elections, after receiving testimony from Sigal Mandelker, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence; Christopher Krebs, Under Secretary of Homeland Security, National Protection and Programs Directorate; and Christopher A. Ford, Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Nonproliferation.

BLOCKCHAIN

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the energy efficiency of blockchain and similar technologies and the cybersecurity possibilities of such technologies for energy industry applications, after receiving testimony from Paul Skare, Chief Cyber Security Program Manager, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Department of Energy; Thomas A. Golden, Electric Power Research Institute, Knoxville, Tennessee; Claire Henly, Energy Web Foundation, Berlin, Germany; Arvind Narayanan, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey; and Robert E. Kahn, Corporation for National Research Initiatives, Reston, Virginia.

U.S.-RUSSIA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States-Russia relations, after receiving testimony from A. Wess Mitchell, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; and Marshall Billingslea, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services efforts to fight Medicaid fraud and overpayments, after receiving testimony from Seema Verma, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security concluded a hearing to examine financial literacy, focusing on the starting point for a secure retirement, after receiving testimony from Jovita Carranza, Treasurer, Department of the Treasury; Vishal Jain, Prudential Financial, Inc., New York, New York; and Lynn Dudley, American Benefits Council, and Scott B. Astrada, Center for Responsible Lending, both of Washington, D.C.

CYBER THREATS TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism concluded a hearing to examine cyber threats to our nation's critical infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Senators Blumenthal and Lankford; Sujit Raman, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Michael Moss, Deputy Director, Cyber Threat Intelligence Integration Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Robert Kolasky, Director, National Risk Management Center, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Thomas A. Fanning, Southern Company, Atlanta, Georgia; and James A. Lewis, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.